

Please do not stifle the spirit of competition in the broadcast industry. Traditional radio does not meet the needs of many Americans. This is why we turned to satellite radio. I am willing to pay to get good programming. I am willing to pay to not have choices other than Spanish language and hip-hop/dance/pop drivel that floods the airwaves in CA. XM now offers traffic and weather local broadcasting in my area! Great! But it is not hurting the local air broadcast stations any more than the national XM programming. I didn't use my FM tuner before XM offered local programming. Now that I have local programming, I STILL won't be turning on that FM tuner.

This goes to show that, for me, the problem is not that XM is invading the local markets, a territory once reserved for air broadcast channels. It's that the local air broadcast channels offer low quality programming that does not interest me. So I choose to pay to get the programming that matches my lifestyle. In the land of free enterprise and democracy, it is my right. I should not be bullied by the NAB and forced to turn on my FM tuner.

Sincerely,
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